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1. The movement of Soviet troops in Satellite states, interrupted as of 20 Dec 53, began again on 10 Jan 54 and has taken on considerable proportions.
 2. The 113th and the 114th Motorized Infantry Divisions, formerly stationed at Lvov in Eastern Galicia have taken up new positions in the Carpathians, between Jasina, Ustecorna and Lazy in Ruthenia. This movement was part of a general alteration of Soviet military dispositions in the Ukraine, which has received important reinforcements from Russia proper. The new dispositions were directed by Marshal I.P. Konév; in general they augment the highly mobile forces stationed near the borders of the Satellite states.
 3. Polish Marshal Rokossovsky, accompanied by high officers of the Soviet general staff, is now on inspection in the region of Bielsko-Zywiec, southwest of Chrzanow, near the Jablunkov Pass. The 17th Soviet Armored Division, stationed at Minsk, is being transferred to this region.
 4. This movement is accompanied by a general redistribution of Polish forces, a leading feature of which is that the moto-mechanized and cavalry units are being regrouped and sent to the Czechoslovak border, between Silesia and Tatry mountain.
 5. A less important movement of Soviet troops is taking place in the region between Pirna south of Dresden and Hfensko to the Czech frontier.
 6. The general object of the new dispositions is to form Soviet units into a central group which can reinforce the Polish and Czech units at will, or those stationed in Saxony.

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